# The End of the Millennium:

## The Dragon's Last Stand

"...the number of them is like the sand of the seashore." (Rev. 20:8)

"When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them."

–Revelation 20:7-9 (NASB)

*Valley Grace Brethren Church of Armagh, Pennsylvania*

*Sunday, October 17th, AD 2021*

# The LORD'S Day

The Seventeenth Day of October, *in the Year of our Lord* 2021

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

## Sunday School—9:30 AM.

In our studies in "**God & Government**," we examine the doctrinal shortcomings and flawed assumptions that lie behind the spiritually impotent "**Social Gospel"** movement that characterizes the activity of liberal & progressive churches that reject *"the Book, the Blood, and the Blessed Hope."*

## Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *"He's Coming Soon"* (#526)

Invocation.*

Hymn: *"Our Great Savior* (#1; vv. 1-4)."

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Revelation 20:1-3; 7-10.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *"Showers of Blessing* (#209)."

Announcemnts.

Hymn: *"He Keeps Me Singing* (#224)."

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *"THE END OF THE MILLENIUM"*

Closing Hymn:* *"Some Golden Daybreak* (#534)."

Benediction.*

*The Congregation will please arise, if able.

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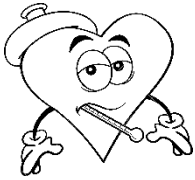
Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study—4 PM.

Our studies continue in **Daniel**, **ch. 4**—the account of ***Nebuchadnezzar and the Vision of the Great Tree***.

## Today's Verse for Reflection:



"The heart is more deceitful than all else
And is desperately sick;
Who can understand it?"
—Jeremiah 17:9 (NASB)

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## Week of Oct. 10-16, 2021

Sunday School—10
Morning Worship—21
Midweek Prayer & Bible Study—5
Church Offering: $2,104.00

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## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Here is a list of potential items for donation for Shoeboxes:

- ✓ Comb, Hairbrushes,
- ✓ Bar of Soap (in the original package; also place inside a Ziploc bag),
- ✓ Hair Bows, Sunglasses,
- ✓ Adhesive Bandages (preferably colorful ones; do not include liquid antibiotic ointment).

If the targeted 8 boxes that the Kindergarten at the Christian School is filling is completed, others will be filled.

# SATAN:
# A BRIEF HISTORY OF HIS DOWNFALL

(Pastor Terry L. Reese, Valley GBC, Armagh, PA)

Though enormously and tragically successful in certain respects, the general course of Satan's lengthy career since the inception of his initial rebellion against God has long been on a progressively downward spiral, leading ultimately to total devastation and ruin. The distinct and formal stages of this downfall can be enumerated as follows:

1. The angel Lucifer's **initial fall** from his original, exalted position as an anointed cherub, when iniquity and pride self-generated from within his heart (Ezek. 28:15-19, Isa. 14:12-14).
2. After the Fall of Man in Eden, Satan's **ultimate downfall** through the atoning work of Christ was **first proclaimed** in Gen. 3:15 (a.k.a., the *Protoevangelium*, or *first* presentation of the *Gospel*; cf. Rom. 16:20).
3. **Through the Cross**, Christ **broke the power of Death** which Satan wielded over us (Heb. 2:14), rendering him defenseless with regard to the Christian's destiny.
4. During the **middle of Tribulation Week**, he will be **cast down to Earth** by Michael and the heavenly hosts, barring his access to the Heavenlies (Rev. 12:7-12).
5. Following our Lord's **Second Coming** when He takes possession of His Kingdom, Satan will be **bound and confined** to the Abyss for 1,000 years (Rev. 20:1-3).
6. Following his brief release, in which he will follow his familiar pattern of causing men to form a Fellowship of Evil (thereby inciting the nations unto the great global rebellion of Rev. 20:7-9), he will be **cast into the Lake of Fire**, where he will be tormented **forever and ever** (Rev. 20:10), meeting his final, appalling destiny.

*Ezek. 28:19: "All who know you among the peoples are appalled at you; you have become terrified and you will cease to be forever."*